

THE LAW OF FINDING.

Against All Say, The Owner the Finder.

In common law finding is a qualified source of title to goods and chattels. Briefly, the law is that the finder has a clear title against all the world, excepting the owner. The proprietor of a coach or a railroad car or a ship has no right to demand property found on his premises. Such proprietors may make, in regard to lost articles, regulations which will bind their employees, but cannot bind the public.

The law of finding was declared by the king's bench more than a hundred years ago when it was the supreme court of common law in England as follows:

A person found a wallet containing a sum of money on a shop floor. He handed the wallet and contents to the shopkeeper to be returned to the owner. After three years, during which the owner did not call for his property, the finder demanded of the shopkeeper the wallet and the money. The latter refused to deliver them upon the ground that they were found on his premises. The finder then sued the shopkeeper and it was held, as stated above, that against all the world save the owner, the title of the finder is perfect. The finder has indeed been held to stand in the place of the owner. Thus a prevalent action against B, who found an article which A had originally found, but subsequently lost. The police have no special rights in regard to articles lost unless these rights are conferred by statute. Receivers of articles found are trustees for the owner or finder. In the absence of special statute they have no power to keep an article against the finder any more than a finder has to retain an article against the owner.

A finder must, however, use every reasonable means to discover the owner of found goods before appropriating them to his own use. It has been declared that if the finder knows the owner or knows that he can discover him he is guilty of larceny in keeping or appropriating to himself the articles found.

THE OLD SAILING SHIPS.

Why the Wooden Ones Were Better Than Those Built of Iron.

The sailing ship when I knew her in the days of her perfection was a sensible creature. When I say her days of perfection I mean perfection of build, gear, seaworthy qualities and ease of handling, not the perfection of speed. That quality reached its highest excellence in the discovery of hollow lines and departed with the change of building material.

None of the iron ships of yesterday ever attained the marvels of speed which the seamanship of men famous in their time had obtained from their wooden, copper sheathed predecessors. Everything had been done to make the iron ship perfect, but no wit of man had managed to devise an efficient coating composition to keep her bottom clean with the smooth cleanness of yellow metal sheeting. After a spell of a few weeks at sea an iron ship begins to lag as if she had grown tired too soon. It is only her bottom that is getting foul.

A very little affects the speed of a ship that is not driven on by an untiring propeller. Often it is impossible to tell what inconspicuous trifles put her off her stride. A certain mysteriousness hangs around the quality of speed as it was displayed by the old sailing ships commanded by competent seamen. In those days the speed was still a matter for the seaman's care. Therefore, apart from the laws, rules and regulations for the good preservation of his cargo, he was careful of his loading, of what is technically called the trim of his ship. Some ships sailed best on an even keel, others had to be trimmed quite one foot by the stern and I have heard of a ship that gave her best speed on a wind when so loaded as to float a couple of inches by the head.—Joseph Conrad in Harper's Weekly.

Fishing For Sheep.

When sheep were first introduced into Cornwall, England, a flock which had strayed from the uplands on to Gwithin sands were caught there by the tide and ultimately carried into St. Ives bay during the night. There the floating flock was observed from the St. Ives fishing boats, whose crews, never having seen sheep, took them for some new kind of fish and did their best to secure them both by hooks and lines and by netting. Those they secured they brought home triumphantly next morning as a catch to which even pilchards were as nothing.

Hawk and Wren.

A New Zealand paper relates that a settler noticed a hawk flying about in a peculiar manner and crying out as if in pain. The settler obtained a gun and shot the bird, and investigation showed the cause of its distress was a wren which was perched on the hawk's back, with its teeth buried in the bird's neck. Apparently the animal had pounced upon the hawk when it was on the ground and was carried skyward with the flight of its prey.

"Smart" London Manners.

A fashionable crowd is almost invariably bad tempered. People jostle each other vindictively and preserve a stony, icy glare the whole time. A man at a dance seeking his partner is brushed will not hesitate to push a woman in a way that would probably shock his barbarian ancestors.—Lady.

I know of no real worth but that tranquil firmness which braves dangers without rashness.—Stanislaus.

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The testimony of a neighbor.

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